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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2/27/61

WEATHER Temperatures were near normal Thursday and Friday, with above normal temperatures during the rest of the period. Weekly average temperatures were about 10 degrees above normal north-central and 4 to 8 degrees above normal elsewhere.

Precipitation was confined to scattered snows of less than a quarter of an inch on Wednesday evening. There was some freezing rain reported in Pawnee County. Nearly one inch of rain fell in Richardson and Nemaha Counties. A few northeastern communities reported snow on the ground at the end of the period. The snow cover has melted in other sections of the State.

Winds were rather light throughout the week.

CROPS Wheat continued to "green-up" in southern counties during the past week. In general, winter grains are in fair to good condition but soil blowing in some localities in the west and southwest has weakened the plants. Surface moisture in the western two-thirds of the State is inadequate to maintain the condition of winter grains as the growth rate increases. Ranges, pastures, and fall seeded legumes also need moisture. Top dressing applications of fertilizers were applied on wheat fields and some grass lands in anticipation of spring moisture.

The preparation of seed beds for oats is beginning in the southeastern part of the State with very little planting to date. However, with continued favorable weather, spring planting might be earlier than usual. Fieldwork is well advanced for this time of year and with warm weather for a couple of weeks farmers will push field work.

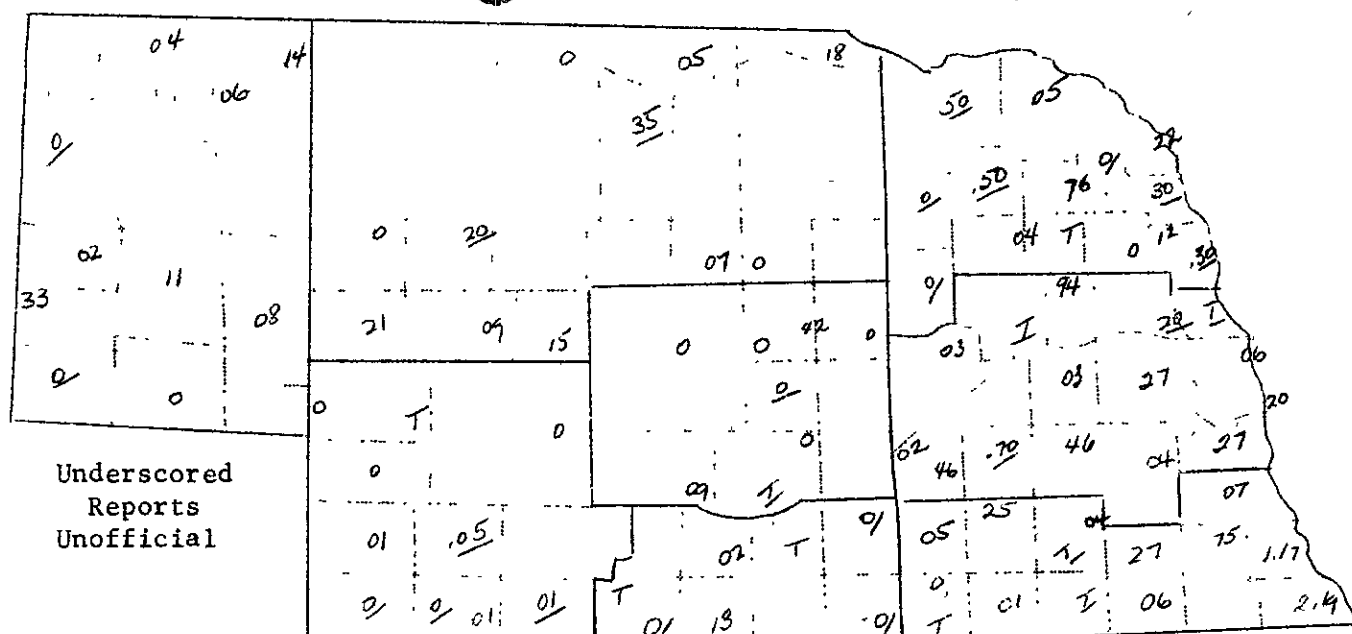
LIVESTOCK Weather was favorable for calving and lambing. All livestock are in excellent condition for this time of year.

Supplemental feeding of hay continues at a fairly heavy rate with supplies being more than enough to carry through until grass feed is available. Troublesome shortages of hay are limited to northwestern areas of the State. Feedlots are generally quite dry and solid. Winter shrink of stock cattle has been unusually light.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	0	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.01	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.03			Sidney	T
Sioux City	T				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		February		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	26	51	30	49	25	34	23	49	25	59	24	42	16		
	Scottsbluff	45	27	58	26	55	28	38	21	49	33	59	26	40	15		
	Sidney	49	24	58	22	61	28	36	20	47	29	63	28	39	15		
NC	Burwell	53	19	62	25	63	29	34	17	39	16	66	28	45			
	Valentine	51	28	61	32	65	28	32	16	43	22	61	22	46	17		
NE	Norfolk	43	21	51	24	53	30	34	21	30	13	51		45	24		
	Sioux City	51	32	59	34	46	33	36	15	25	12	41	31	43	27		
CEN	Grand Island	55	29	61	24	58	34	39	15	41	17	69	33	46	21		
	Lincoln	53	28	57	27	50	33	37	21	33	15	53	34	45	31		
	Omaha	45	29	51	32	49	33	37	21	29	14	43	35	44	28		
SW	Imperial	54	22	61	20	66	33	39	17	48	24	68	32	43	18		
	North Platte	54	19	62	17	65	32	38	11	48	18	64	32	45	19		

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